



CITY OF MORGAN HILL
17555 PEAK AVENUE MORGAN HILL CALIFORNIA 95037

draft
SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
After Action
REGULAR MEETING

FEBRUARY 6, 2001

Morgan Hill Civic Center
City Council Chambers
17555 Peak Avenue
Morgan Hill, CA 95037
(408)779-7271

Senior Advisory Committee

Chair	Joan Harkness
Vice-Chair	Daniel Rhodes
Committee Member	Doris Bateman
Committee Member	Marilyn Gadway
Committee Member	La Gina Metcalf
Committee Member	Ken Tougas
Committee Member	Jim Wright

Parks & Recreation Commissioner Craig van Keulen

2:00 P.M.

CALL TO ORDER

Chair Harkness

ROLL CALL ATTENDANCE

Members Rhodes, Gadway absent

DECLARATION OF POSTING OF AGENDA

Per Government Code 54954.2

PLEDGE

Led by Member Tougas

OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

Keith Robertson, resident of Las Casas de San Pedro, told the committee that the rents are being raised and that he has concern about rental fees and the ability of seniors' income to keep pace. He noted that Las Casas is no longer dedicated senior housing and asked about the possibility of rent controls?

Staff passed out Housing Symposium Information scheduled for February 9 and sponsored by the City of Morgan Hill.

VERBAL REPORTS

YMCA SENIOR PROGRAM MONTHLY UPDATE

YMCA Executive Director Terri Nelson

Passed out program report. Emphasis on increased computer class offerings.

Ms. Nelson was asked to check on the toilet doors at the Senior Center and inquire if they can be changed to swing in the opposite direction (swing out instead).

Member Tougas remarked that he was proud of the YMCA's response to requests by seniors and this committee.

Ms. Nelson inquired if any committee members would be interested in joining YMCA staff when they make the community outreach trips to the mobile home parks? Member Metcalf offered to work with the visitation to the Woodland site.

PARKS AND RECREATION COMMISSION MEETING

Staff

Draft Parks, Facilities and Recreation Programing master plan has been adopted. It will now go through the environmental review phase.

COA ADVISORY COMMISSION

Representative Tougas

Report on Retreat was distributed.

CAG MEETING REVIEW

Member Tougas

Member Metcalf reminded the committee that drivers who volunteer through CAG are covered under an umbrella \$1 million insurance policy.

CAG members joined the YMCA when they visited Hacienda Mobile Park and received suggestions to improve services and also shared resources.

A medical seminar in Gilroy through HICAP is being planned.

There was a group meeting with Camp Tours and for a \$10/membership you are put on a mailing list and on your birthday month you get to take a trip free.

CONSENT CALENDAR

1. APPROVAL OF MEETING MINUTES OF JANUARY 8, 2001
Motion to approve by Member Metcalf, seconded by Member Tougas, approved 5:0.

BUSINESS

2. REVIEW OF DRAFT PARKS, FACILITIES, AND RECREATION PROGRAMING MASTER PLAN
Recommended Action: Update on proposed concept of a multi-generational center.

Chair Harkness reminded the Committee to continue to think about the type of programing and services that could be offered in this facility. Staff commented that once the site is secured that a consultant will be assigned to work with the Senior Advisory Committee to complete a building program.

Member Wright stated that the proposed location of the multi-generational center is too far away and unaccessible for seniors. He also noted that there was no opportunity for input from the senior community and the Senior Advisory Committee as to the site selection.

3. PUBLICIZING THE SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Recommended Action: Propose a date for the CAG-Senior Advisory Committee sponsored senior forum;
Establish a sub-committee to coordinate this event.

Member Tougas announced that CAG will be interested in sponsoring the public forum. It was suggested

that the forum be coordinated by CAG, Senior Advisory Committee and YMCA.

It was suggested that a guest speaker from HICAP be invited for the keynote.

City staff will inquire with the Mayor and Chair of the Parks and Recreation Commission as to their availability to attend as special guests. Potential dates suggested are: May 16, May 17, or May 18 with a starting time of 1 p.m.

Member Tougas made a motion to accept the Senior Forum Open House concept for a date to be selected in May to correspond with the theme "May is Older Americans Month". Motion was seconded by Member Metcalf and approved 4:0 (Member Wright had left the meeting).

Chair Harkness will write an article for submittal to Morgan Hill Times and YMCA Senior Newsletter to encourage participation at the monthly meetings. It was recommended that the Chair write a monthly note for inclusion in the YMCA Senior Newsletter.

4. SENIOR CENTER MEMORIAL FUND

Recommended Action: Update on the Council's direction to establish a non-profit foundation.

For information only. Staff is following up on this issue and will continue to report.

5. SENIOR ADVISORY COMMITTEE OBJECTIVES AND GOALS

Recommended Action: Share and discuss objectives and goals as presented by Committee Members.

Chair Harkness presented a proposed list of objectives: Gathering data needed to insure an efficient and appropriate use of recreation facilities and activities as they relate to seniors; participating in the efforts to develop a foundation or other means of funding for the senior center; assisting in the development of a more comprehensive mailing list of seniors in Morgan Hill so as to reach all or most of those who fall into that category; and providing support and networking for the senior adult community.

Member Tougas stated that the goals should include: what the committee is asked to do by the Parks and Recreation Commission and the City Council; to monitor all contracts regarding senior services; strive to be an information center for senior services and activities by establishing a database of contact names and a method in which to keep them informed; and perform advisory role.

A subset is to establish goals for this year. This item was continued.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cupertino Senior Center Grand Opening Saturday, March 3.

Evelyn Lemberger was named Volunteer of the Year for Morgan Hill.

REQUESTS FOR FUTURE ITEMS

Request for proposal for consultant for the senior programming needs to incorporate in the future building planning.

_____Renaming the senior center: Wright

_____Identify Senior Advisory Committee Objectives for consideration by Parks and Recreation Commission: Wright

_____Motion to adjourn by Member Tougas, seconded by Member Metcalf, approved 4:0. Member Wright had left.

ADJOURNMENT_____to the next monthly meeting scheduled on Tuesday, March 6 at 2:00 p.m.
